

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY April 12, 2020

**“Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
Luke 24:5-7**

Morning Service 9:30
Victorious in Resurrection
I. The Despair
II. The Encouragement
III. The Victory
Read: Matthew 28
Text: Matthew 28:6
Psalms: 302, 317, 320
Offerings: **General Fund**
Benevolent Fund

Evening Service 6:00
Loving the Neighbor's Life
I. The God-Given Life
II. The Forbidden Hatred
III. The Love Required
Read: Luke 10:21-42
Text: Lord's Day 40
Psalms: 368, 113, 370
Offering: **Hull PR School**

FROM THE COUNCIL

Due to the current restrictions on gathering for worship, the consistory authorized the livestreaming of messages at our regular church times on our Calvary PRC YouTube channel. The service will include a message, prayer, and the singing of Psalter numbers. Look for an email with instructions regarding the livestream. If you have any difficulty or questions, feel free to contact Mr. Nathan Schiermeyer. We pray that God's name be glorified in this way and that His saints are nourished spiritually.

The deacons encourage the congregation to continue to remember the causes of the Kingdom in

your giving. Your offerings can be dropped off with a deacon or with Pastor at church or be mailed to the church mailbox: PO Box 343, Hull, IA 51239

CHURCH CALENDAR

All church activities including family visitation and catechism remain on hold.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

“We would like to thank the congregation of Calvary for the many thoughtful cards, visits, gestures, and prayers offered on behalf of our family in the recent passing of our son and brother, Jordan. We truly felt the communion of the saints and are thankful for the place God has given us as members of Christ's Church.” - “For we know that if our earthly house of the tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, and house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” II Corinthians 5:1
In Christian Love,
Brian & Denise Gritters
Jordan & Nicole Kooima

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

First Protestant Reformed Church of Edmonton has released their pastor, Rev. John Marcus, under Article 11 of the Church Order with the concurrence of Classis West and the synodical delegates. Rev. Marcus is now available for call within the Protestant Reformed Churches.

Rev. J. Engelsma (Doon PRC) declined calls from Cornerstone PRC (Dyer, IN) and Kalamazoo PRC.

Rev. J. Laning (Hull, IA) received the call from First PRC, Edmonton. He plans to answer on or before April 19.

Rev. M. McGeown (Limerick, Ireland mission) accepted the call from Providence PRC.

The congregation of Kalamazoo PRC will vote tomorrow evening from a duo consisting of Rev. C. Haak (Georgetown PRC) and Rev. J. Mahtani (Grandville PRC).

The council of Hope PRC (Grand Rapids, MI) has formed a trio consisting of Rev. C. Griess (First PRC-GR), Rev. J. Mahtani (Grandville PRC), and Rev. C. Spronk (Faith PRC). The congregation is to vote by ballot by April 14.

The council of Unity PRC formed the following trio from which to call her first pastor: Rev. E. Guichelaar (Randolph PRC), Rev. J. Mahtani

(Grandville PRC), and Rev. C. Spronk (Faith PRC). A congregational meeting is scheduled for April 15.

REQUESTED ANNOUCEMENTS

Due to the circumstances concerning the Covid-19 situation in our communities, the board of Trinity Christian High School has decided to hold the spring financial drive via the mail. You should be receiving a letter in the mail this week. This drive is the major annual fundraiser for our school. The school's current loan amount balance is \$252,000. Please give prayerful consideration to our school's financial needs.

The Hull Prot. Ref Chr. School is seeking applicants for a Teachers Aid for the 20-21 school year to help with the incoming Kindergarten class. Kindergarten will meet 3 full days per week. For more information please Contact Travis Groeneweg at (712) 470-1499 or Mr. Gritters at (712) 439-2490.

Due to printing restrictions related to COVID-19, the RFPA is temporarily unable to print and distribute hard copies of *The Standard Bearer*. Once these restrictions have been lifted, the RFPA will print and mail out all postponed issues of the magazine. In the meantime, these issues will be available for free online as they are produced. You can find the April 15 issue at (<https://rfpa.org/pages/the-standard-bearer>).

SPECIAL EDUCATION SPRING DRIVE – At this time we are not putting drive letters/envelopes in church member mailboxes as normal due to the state of Michigan's stay-at-home orders. If you are able to contribute to our spring drive, please send a check noted “Spring Drive” to PR Special Education, 6340 Autumn Drive, Hudsonville, MI 49426. The drive letter can be found at www.prspecialeducation.org (link in the middle of the page) or you can request a drive letter by e-mailing info@prspecialeducation.org. Our goal is to raise the remaining \$80,420 to meet our annual drive budget. Thank you!

Offerings next week: AM: General & Benevolent Funds
PM: Trinity Christian High School

Reformed Witness Hour: Sunday @ 8:00 A.M. KLOH 1050 AM; 5:00 P.M. KDCR 88.5 FM – Today, Rev. Rodney Kleyn brings us “Now Is Christ Risen” I Corinthians 15:20. Next week, the Lord willing, Rev. Kleyn will bring us “Our Greatest Privelege” Hebrews 10:19-21.

QUOTES FOR CONTEMPLATION

Jesus is risen from the dead as the Living One. This is what the angels asserted in their question, “Why seek ye the living (one) among the dead?”

That Jesus is the Living One means, first, that He is alive. Jesus was delivered by sinful hands to the death of the cross on Friday. On Sunday He arose again. He is no longer dead but living. As proof of this the angels pointed to the fact that Jesus was not there any longer.

That Jesus is the Living One means, secondly, that Jesus is forever beyond the reach of death. This was not true of all those who were raised before Jesus. They were still subject to death. They were raised from death and then died again. But Jesus is the Living One. He has been raised to an eternal life, beyond the reach of death. This is true because He was raised on the basis of His suffering and death, which paid the price of sin and released Him from the penalty of sin.

But that Jesus is the Living One means, finally, that through His resurrection He has become the Source and Giver of life to His people. As the Son of man, He graciously transforms by a spiritual rebirth all those whom the Father has given Him. He raises them from death unto life, a life of obedience to Him and fellowship with the Father. He recreates them, so that that as new creatures they are equipped to do the good work God has for them in His kingdom, a work that has been eternally foreordained for them. What a blessed gospel! The Son of man is risen from the dead to become the Living One! He has been given power and dominion to establish the everlasting kingdom of God! He has raised us from death unto life to become citizens in His kingdom that we may serve the living God and enjoy Him forever!

-J. Slopesma (“The Son of man risen” *The Standard Bearer* Issue: 14, 4/15/2020)